



BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINEE

NEERAJ DESAI, MD

Chicago Chest Center

I am honored to be nominated to the Board of Directors of the American Association for Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology (AABIP). With over 15 years of experience, I have represented interventional pulmonology within ATS and CHEST committees, led initiatives to advance fair reimbursement, and developed educational programs to support fellows and members in negotiation, coding, billing, and practice management.

Key contributions:

- Member, AABIP Advocacy Committee
- Member, Joint ATS and CHEST Clinical Practice Committee
- CHEST Representative, AMA House of Delegates
- CHEST AMA RUC Alternate
- Contributor, AABIP Business of IP Webinar Series
- Founding organizers, AIPPD fellows career development symposium

My leadership roles include Director, Chicago Chest Center; System Director of Interventional Pulmonology and Advanced Bronchoscopy at Ascension Illinois; and currently, Medical Director of Bronchoscopy and Interventional Pulmonology at Endeavor Health. I have driven efforts to improve pulmonary procedures, lung cancer screening and early detection through multidisciplinary collaboration.

I was honored to receive the 2024 AABIP Distinguished Service Award in recognition of my contributions and dedication to the AABIP mission. This acknowledgment is deeply meaningful to me and reinforces my commitment to advancing our field.

If elected, my priorities will be to:

- Advocate for fair reimbursement and recognition of advanced bronchoscopy and interventional pulmonology procedures
- Expand educational resources and training
- Promote research and innovation
- Strengthen collaboration with aligned societies
- Enhance patient advocacy and access to care

I appreciate your consideration and look forward to the opportunity to advance our field through service on the AABIP Board of Directors.